

FISCAL NOTE

SB 928 – HB 1840

March 7, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires motorcyclists to wear a crash helmet or bicycle helmet conforming to the bicycle helmet standards of the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPM) or the Snell Foundation instead of a helmet approved by the Commissioner of Safety.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000
Crash-related injuries (head injuries) occur which would not have occurred in the absence of the bill to individuals on TennCare or state or local government health plans; the health plans could experience increased costs.

Assumptions:

- A bicycle helmet does not provide as much protection for a motorcyclist in an accident.
- Some number of motorcyclists will use a less protective bicycle helmet resulting in an increase in preventable head injuries.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director